GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR PROMOTION OF MEDICAL TOURISM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn up any comprehensive plan for promotion of medical tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade and integrate various hospitals according to their specialization;

(d) if so, the details thereof;and

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has initiated several measures to promote Medical Tourism which include promotion in overseas markets and production of publicity materials like brochure, CDs and films etc. and their distribution in target markets. Specific promotion at various international travel fairs such as World Travel Mart, London and ITB, Berlin etc. is also undertaken.

A new category of 'Medical Visa' has been introduced for foreign tourists coming to India for medical treatment.

(c) to (e) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.